

REMARKS

The Specification Amendments

Applicants have amended the specification to insert a cross-reference to earlier-filed applications from which this application claims priority and benefit.

The Claim Amendments

Applicants have canceled claims 7 – 10, 12 – 38, and 43 without prejudice.

Applicants have amended the recitation of possible substituents on R₃ in claims 1 and 11 to delete those recited in the claims of the parent (i.e. United States Patent 6,649,600). Applicants also have amended claim 1 to replaced the (b) substituent on R₃, “carbonyl,” with “oxo.” Support for this amendment appears, e.g., in the thirteenth compound in Figure 1B. Applicants also have amended claims 1 and 11 to replaced the (b) substituent on R₃, “phosphate,” with “phosphono.” Applicants respectfully submit that the recitation of phosphate was an inadvertent error that would have been obvious to the ordinary skilled worker in the art.

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 to improve their form by reciting “substituted” in place of “functionalized.” In addition, applicants have amended claim 1 to correct the spelling of “alkylsulfonyl.”

Applicants have amended claim 5 to recite “R₆” rather than “R₃” and to recite “unsubstituted aralkyl.” Support for this amendment appears, e.g., in claim 1 as originally filed.

None of these amendments adds new matter. After entry of the amendments, claims 1 – 6, 11, and 39 – 42 will be pending.

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 into one of the following two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-42, drawn to compounds; and

Group II: Claim 43, drawn to synthesis.

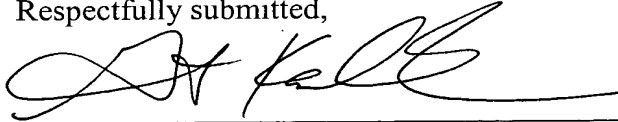
Applicants elect the claims of Group I without traverse. This election is made expressly without waiver of applicants' right to file for and obtain claims directed to the non-elected subject matter in divisional or continuing applications claiming priority and benefit herefrom, or from a related application, under U.S.C. § 120.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, applicants request that the Examiner examine the pending claims in this application.

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